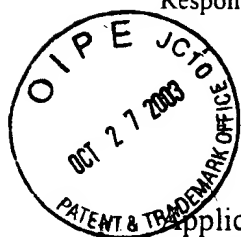


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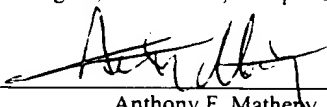
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ALFOL ALCOHOLS
TC/A.U. : 1764
Examiner : Ellen M. McAvoy
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 9, 2003, Applicant files this Response to Office Action. This Response is being timely filed, and as such, no fees are due. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required (or credit any

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overpayment) to Account No. 50-0897, Order No. 86821/AFM. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-23 stand rejected. Applicant files this Response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.